

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Request for  
Approval of Contract for Electric Service with  
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC (BATO  
Aiken Plant)

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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May 1, 2012

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RECEIVED  
MAY - 1 PM 3:35  
SC PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company  
Request for Approval of Contract for Electric Service with Bridgestone Americas  
Tire Operations, LLC (BATO Aiken Plant)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

In September 2011, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC ("Bridgestone") announced its intent to construct a new 1.5 million square-foot off-road radial ("ORR") tire manufacturing facility in Aiken County which will be located at the Sage Mill Industrial Park in Graniteville, South Carolina. According to Bridgestone, the ORR project will create more than 550 new full-time and contractor positions in Aiken County by 2020. Moreover, the ORR project, when coupled with Bridgestone's expansion of its existing passenger and light tire production facility, will constitute an investment in South Carolina of \$1.2 billion. Following Bridgestone's announcement, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") and Bridgestone entered into a Contract for Electric Service ("Contract"). Under the Contract, SCE&G will provide Bridgestone with all the electricity necessary to operate its ORR manufacturing facility.

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 (1976, as amended), SCE&G hereby files and seeks approval of the Contract, with such approval to be made effective as of January 30, 2012, the effective date of the Contract. The initial term of the Contract is fifteen years unless SCE&G and Bridgestone mutually agree to terminate the Contract early. The initial term of the Contract begins on the date that SCE&G commences electric service, which is scheduled to occur on or about December 1, 2012. After the initial term expires, the Contract will extend automatically until the Contract is terminated by SCE&G or Bridgestone.

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Under the Contract, SCE&G will provide electric service to Bridgestone's ORR manufacturing facility in accordance with the Company's retail electric rate schedule entitled "Rate 23 – Industrial Power Service" as currently approved by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"). At the outset of the initial term, Bridgestone will be billed at a rate which consists of a basic facilities charge, an energy charge, and a demand charge—all determined in accordance with Rate 23 – Industrial Power Service—along with an economic development credit. Thereafter, Bridgestone will be billed for electricity under Rate 23 – Industrial Power Service.

Due to the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain provisions of this Contract as well as the highly competitive nature of the industry in which Bridgestone operates, the Company and Bridgestone respectfully request that the Commission find that the Contract contains protected information and issue a protective order barring the disclosure of this Contract under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.*, 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(1), or any other provision of law. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2), the determination of whether a document may be exempt from disclosure is within the Commission's discretion.

To this end, and in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226, dated May 6, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-83-A, we enclose with this letter a redacted version of the Contract that protects from disclosure the sensitive, proprietary and commercially valuable information, while making available for public viewing non-protected information. We also enclose a copy of the unredacted Contract in a separate, sealed envelope and respectfully request that, in the event that anyone should seek disclosure of this unredacted Contract, the Commission notify SCE&G of such request and provide it with an opportunity to obtain an order from this Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction protecting the Contract from disclosure.

Enclosed are the following:

- (1) A true and correct copy of the original Contract in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL." Each page of the Contract is also marked "CONFIDENTIAL."
- (2) Ten copies of a redacted copy of the Contract for filing and public disclosure.

By copy of this letter, we are providing the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") with a redacted copy of the Contract for its records. Additionally, SCE&G will make the original, unredacted copy of the Contract available to ORS for its review.

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Thank you for your assistance and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Chad Burgess", with a stylized flourish at the end.

K. Chad Burgess

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Enclosure

cc: John W. Flitter  
Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire  
(both via hand delivery)